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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Susumu TSUJIMOTO

Appl. No.: 09/073,825

Filed: May 7, 1998

For: **BAND SAW BLADE**

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Peterson, Ken

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed concurrently with the Request for Continuing Prosecution of the above-identified application, along with a four-month request for extension of time. The Preliminary Amendment is prepared in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 25, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-14 and 16 without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

Please replace claim 15 with the following claim:

15. (Amended) A band saw blade, comprising:
at least a first left set tooth which is bent along a first bending line extending in a moving direction of the band saw blade to cut a workpiece;